



August 6, 2013

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

*Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, High-Cost Universal
Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 29, 2013, Greg Berberich, Eric Anderson, Carolyn Hanson, and Ken Bahr of Matanuska Telephone Association, Inc. ("MTA"), along with Jason Suslavich of Representative Don Young's staff, Andrea Sanders of Senator Mark Begich's staff, and Peter Lewis of Senator Lisa Murkowski's staff, met with Commissioner Ajit Pai and his Legal Advisor, Nick Degani.

Commissioner Pai was thanked for the Commission's July 26th order that waives the application of Quantile Regression Analysis (QRA) on rate-of-return carriers serving Alaska for the remainder of 2013 and all of 2014.

MTA highlighted the importance of the FCC's high-cost support mechanisms to enable it to deploy and sustain broadband and voice service in the geographical diverse and sparsely populated communities it serves. Also discussed is a need for the Commission to establish a CAF Broadband Support mechanism for Rate of Return Carriers that provides sufficient and predictable levels of support with an opportunity to recover existing investment. Beyond 2014 Alaskan rate-of-return carriers have no certainty of support and any adoption of a modeled based mechanism like that currently projected for Price Cap companies under the Connect America Cost Model (CACM) would need to take into account the unique circumstances faced by providers serving Alaska.

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On July 30, 2013, Greg Berberich, along with Jason Suslavich of Representative Don Young's staff, Andrea Sanders of Senator Mark Begich's staff, and Peter Lewis of Senator Lisa Murkowski's staff, accompanied Commissioner Ajit Pai and his Legal Advisor, Nick Degani on a tour that highlighted the challenges of providing telecommunication services in the MTA service area.

If there are any questions, please call me at 907-761-2466.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Greg Berberich

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